

July 20, 2004

To the Honorable Council City of Norfolk, Virginia

Re:

Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Amend

Sections 26-13.3, 26-13.4, and 26-13.7

in Chapter 26, Site Plan Review

Lady and Gentlemen:

Presented herewith is a request by the City Planning Commission to schedule a public hearing on the application of the City Planning Commission.

This amendment is intended to assist the City of Norfolk in meeting the requirements set forth in the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act, enacted by the Virginia General Assembly in 2001. As a result of this amendment, the City will be revising language that includes a description of tributary streams to the identification of streams with perennial flow.

The Planning Commission unanimously recommends (by a 6 to 0 vote) that this amendment be approved. By accepting this amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, as mandated by state regulations, the City of Norfolk Zoning Ordinance will be in compliance with the regulations established by the Commonwealth of Virginia. This designation will allow the City of Norfolk to meet the requirements of the state regulations while maintaining a program that is cognizant of Norfolk's urban character. There are no known adverse impacts to citizens as a result of this amendment.

Recommendation: Schedule public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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